

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please **AMEND** claims 80 and 90.

Please **CANCEL** claim 84

No new matter has been added. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1-79 (Canceled)

80. (Currently amended) A method of sampling a multi-phase fluid stream comprising the steps of:

sampling, with a sampling probe, a portion of the fluid stream;

measuring the flow rate Q_s of said sampled portion; and

measuring, independently of the sampling step, the total flow rate Q of the fluid stream,

wherein the flow rate of the sampled portion is controlled according to the ratio of the flow rate of the sampled portion to the flow rate of the fluid stream, in order to obtain substantially isokinetic sampling of the fluid stream, and

wherein the step of controlling the flow rate of the sampled portion is carried out continuously during the sampling process.

81. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 80 further including the step of separating said sampled portion into a sampled liquid flow and a sampled gas flow, and wherein said step of measuring the sampled flow rate includes measuring the flow rate of the sampled liquid flow and the flow rate of the sampled gas flow.

82. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 80 wherein the step of measuring the total flow rate includes measuring the density of the fluid stream.

83. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 80 wherein the step of measuring the total flow rate includes measuring a differential pressure.

84. (Canceled)

85. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 80

86. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 80 wherein the fluid stream is a feed from a well-head.

87. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 80 further including, prior to sampling the fluid stream, the step of conditioning the fluid stream.

88. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 87, wherein said step of conditioning the fluid stream includes the sub-steps of successively:

forming a liquid film at the wall of a pipe section which carries the fluid stream;

straightening the flow of at least the core of the fluid stream; and

shedding the liquid film into said core.

89. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 88 wherein the sub-step of forming the liquid film includes causing the fluid stream to swirl about the axis of the pipe section.

90. (Currently amended) Sampling apparatus for sampling a multi-phase fluid stream, comprising:

means for measuring the total flow rate Q of the fluid stream;

a sampling probe for sampling a portion of said fluid stream;

a meter for measuring the flow rate Q_s of said sampled portion, wherein the means for measuring the total flow rate is independent of the meter for measuring the flow rate Q_s of said sampled portion; and

a controller adapted to continuously control the flow rate of the sampled portion according to the ratio of the flow rate of the sampled portion to the total flow rate of the fluid stream, in order to obtain substantially isokinetic sampling of the fluid stream.

91. (Previously presented) Apparatus according claim 90 further including a separator for separating said sampled portion into a sampled liquid flow and a sampled gas flow; a meter for measuring the flow rate of the sampled liquid flow; and a meter for measuring the flow rate of the sampled gas flow.

92. (Previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 91 wherein either or both of said meters are Coriolis flow meters.

93. (Previously presented) Apparatus according to any one of claim 91 wherein the means for measuring the total flow rate includes a densitometer for measuring the density of the fluid stream.

94. (Previously presented) Apparatus according to any one of claim 91 wherein the means for measuring the total flow rate includes a differential pressure sensor.

95. (Previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 94 wherein said differential pressure sensor is for use with a Venturi meter.

96. (Previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 94 wherein said differential pressure sensor is for use with a Pitot tube.

97. (Previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 90 further including, upstream of said sampling probe, a flow conditioner.

98. (Previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 97 wherein said flow conditioner is a pipe section including:

a swirl inducing section;

a flow straightener; and

an orifice plate.

99. (Previously presented) Apparatus according to claim 98 wherein said swirl inducing section includes a tangential input to the pipe section.

100. (Canceled)